

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an outrageous example of the dangers of media consolidation. To pass this documentary off as "news" is deceptive and should be illegal. The FCC should investigate Sinclair and, if found guilty of deception, their license should NOT be renewed.

The fairness doctrine should be honored: that if this anti-Kerry propaganda piece is aired, the Kerry campaign should be offered the same amount of time during the same time slots to air whatever they wish with no editorial interference.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We need more local access and control so that all points of view can be readily heard.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and limit concentration of ownership of the airwaves. Thank you.